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PATENT #4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Buehl et al.

Confirmation No.: 5375

Appl. No.: 10/054,719

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: CABLE BILLING SYSTEMS AND METHODS ENABLING INDEPENDENCE
OF SERVICE MARKETING AND PROVISIONING FROM BILLING AND COLLECTION
OF REVENUE

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Petition To Grant Filing Date And To Refund Petition Fee

Sir:

As set forth in MPEP §506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of January 18, 2002, for the above-identified patent application. The following is enclosed as evidence of January 18, 2002 being the correct filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

1. A copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail Number and checking the box that four sheets of drawings were enclosed;
2. A copy of the Express Mail Receipt marked by the United States Post Office as being mailed at 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2002, and
3. A copy of our return post card from the United States Patent Office shows that Applicant enclosed four sheets of drawings, and the post card was stamped received January 18, 2002.
4. Applicant encloses a Declaration by the depositor of the patent application.

There is no error on the part of Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of January 18, 2002, as the filing date.

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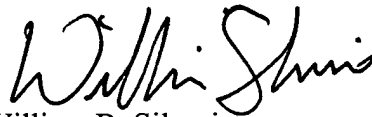
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Respectfully submitted,



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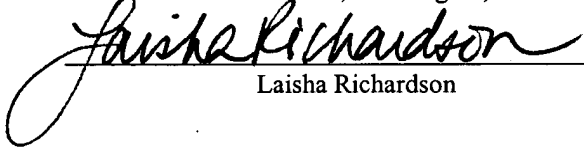
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